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Import of rice in the State.

* 1345 *Q.*—Sri A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the quantity of rice required per year for the Residuary State;

(*b*) the quantity of rice procured in Tanjore district in the year 1953;

(*c*) the quantity of rice imported from Andhra State up to 30th March 1954 (for the year 1953–54); and

(*d*) the quantity of rice supplied by Burma during the years 1952–53 and 1954 to this State?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM (on behalf of Hon. the Minister for Finance) :—" The information required is as follows :—

(*a*) 304,000 tons.

(*b*) 71,538 tons.

(*c*) (i) 73,555 tons (from 1st January 1953 up to 31st December 1953).

(ii) 27,380 tons (from 1st January up to 31st March 1954).

(*d*) Figures relating to the import from Burma alone are not available. The following figures represent the imports from overseas sources, Burma, Siam, etc. :—

(i) 103,290 tons (from 1st April 1952 to 31st March 1953).

(ii) 980 tons (from 1st April 1953 to 31st March 1954)."

Sri A. RATNAM :—" பர்மா அரிசியை சென்னை ராஜ்யத்திற்கு இறக்குமதி செய்ய எந்த வியாபாரிக்கு லைசென்ஸ் அளிக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறது என்று சொல்ல முடியுமா ? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, this does not arise out of the main question."

Sri M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" The questions Nos. 1346 and 1347 may be answered together."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" Yes."

Closure of the Poochi Vilas Cigar Factory, Thirumangalam, Madurai district.

* 1346 *Q.*—Sri M. KALYANASUNDRAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether any representations were received from the workers of the Poochi Vilas Cigar Factory, Thirumangalam, Madurai district, against the closure of the factory, and, if so, the action taken thereon?